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FOR: SEEDLESS FRUIT PRODUCTION

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

A1
On page 1, immediately following the title, please insert the following sentence: -This is a nationalization of PCT/NZ00/00176 filed September 7, 2000 and published in English.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3, 8, 11, 12, 19, 20, 25, 26, 29, 33 & 34 as follows:

A2
3. (amended) A fruiting plant according to claim 1 which produces a pome fruit.

A3
8. (amended) A plant as claimed in claim 4 wherein said plant is one which produces pome fruit.